



TECHNICAL MEMORANDUM · ASPC-TM-022

ASPC Evidence Standard for Strategic Research

How should ASPC classify, assess and present evidence?

EVIDENCE-INFORMED ASPC ANALYSIS

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Status, question and scope

ASPC RESEARCH SYNTHESIS.

Research question

How should ASPC classify, assess and present evidence?

Scope

A repeatable evidence standard protects the distinction between source findings, agency reporting, external analysis and ASPC judgment.

Evidence cutoff: August 21, 2026. Government findings, agency-reported information and ASPC analysis are distinguished throughout.

Key findings

The reviewed sources support the following bounded findings.

- GAO identifies multiple evidence types and 13 practices spanning planning, evidence building, use and learning.
- Research reliability depends on rigorous design, documentation, transparency and confirmation.
- MCC reproducibility guidance uses design reports, data documentation, analysis materials and transparency statements.

Findings are paraphrased from the cited official records. Source scope and date remain controlling.

ASPC application and limitations

Proposed application

- Classify each material claim by evidence type and source authority.
- Record source date, scope, method, limitations, review date and direct official link.
- Separate quotation, paraphrase, inference, ASPC finding and recommendation in drafting and review.

Limitations

- The standard supports consistency; it does not make ASPC analysis government research.

These applications are proposed by ASPC. Citation does not imply endorsement by any source institution.



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ASPC RELEVANCE

This research supports constructive American–international partnership and practical cooperation where stronger institutions can advance shared interests with the United States.

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